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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1-8, 10-18 and 20-23 are pending in this application, claims 9 and 19 having been canceled by previous amendment. Of the pending claims, claims 21, 22 and 23 are independent in form. Claims 5-8, 10, 15-17 and 20-23 have been rejected. Claims 1-4, 11-14 and 18 have been objected to.

By this Amendment, claims 22 and 23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 5-8, 10, 11, 15-17, 20 and 21 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of the following informalities: Page 30, line 3, "R, B, and B" should be "R, G, and B" and Page 30, line 7, "R, F" should be "R, G." By the above amendment to the specification, Applicant has made these corrections and requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections/Objections

Claims 5-8, 10, 15-17 and 20-23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Narumiya (US 4,896,146). Claims 1-4, 11-14 and 18 have been indicated as being drawn to allowable subject matter but are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the claim characterization or the characterizations of the teachings of Narumiya as stated in the claim rejections, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant amends the pending claims as follows:

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By the above amendments, claim 1 which as pending depended from independent claim 22, is rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 22, and claim 11 which as pending depended from independent claim 23, is rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 23. Further, claim 21 which is a computer medium claim corresponding to claim 11, is amended to include the limitations of claim 11 as herein amended. All of the other rejected claims have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from amended independent claims 1 or 11.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the stated rejections and objections are either overcome or otherwise rendered moot in view of the foregoing, and respectfully requests that these rejections and objections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Should an additional extension of time be necessary to render this filing timely, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4667.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,
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